

Automotive Sector: Disruptions Associated with Ambassador Bridge Protests

Toyota

- 8500 people impacted directly as well as all of their suppliers in Ontario.
- Toyota Kentucky plant is down given that trucks can't get into Canada to pick up parts.
- 78% of their parts come across the bridge.
- Can not run routes from the Midwest with a 5-6 hour wait at the blue water bridge.
- Indicating the industry will be down until this is resolved.

Ford

- Oakville Assembly was shut down yesterday and is now on a reduced schedule (4 hour shifts instead of 8 hour), with a high probability of being shut down again this week.
- Essex facility was shut down yesterday due to shortage of incoming parts and empty engine racks, but they continue to ship engines from this facility, although they have to go from Windsor through Buffalo and then back to Michigan plants.
 - A 2-hour trip is now taking 8-10 hours, and with delays at the borders, some of the drivers are hitting their driving time limits and then having to take a break for 10 hours before resuming.
- Detroit Chassis – lost production yesterday due to shortage of engines from Essex.
- Ohio Assembly - Risk for engine shortages today.
- Currently over 75 loads are reported running behind schedule (as of yesterday) and are looking at alternate routings via Buffalo.
- Incremental premium freight costs will occur as a result of drivers running out of hours to work as well as high costs for air freight.

Honda

- Shut down plant 2 (CRV) yesterday evening. There is limited production today based on some inventory on hand. Do not expect any production tomorrow.

Stellantis

- All Stellantis North America plants are running as of Thursday morning, but a number of U.S. and Canadian plants cut their second shifts short Wednesday night due to parts shortages caused by the closure of the Detroit/Windsor bridge.
- Continue to work closely with carriers to get parts into the plants to mitigate further disruptions.

GM

- Oshawa is operating for the first shift and expects to run their afternoon shift
- CAMI Plant in Ingersoll continues to run but afternoon shift could be impacted.
- Only one line at the St Catherine engine plant but is in jeopardy at the moment.
- Issue is getting parts and engines from St Catherine's into the US, which has impacted at least three US facilities, causing them to idle this morning.

- Company is pursuing some lines of inquiry on alternatives to work around the blockades at the border but would require CBSA support/resources at alternate staging (ferry port in Windsor and airports at Hamilton and/or York).

Martinrea

- Looking at a potential complete shutdown and furlough of their thousands of employees.
- Will subsequently shutdown OEMs throughout Canada and the US.
- Indicates 38 trucks cross the bridge daily.

Magna

- Reduced shifts at plants.
- Potential plant shut downs in Canada and the US given that goods from Canada cannot cross the border which has the potential to shut down customers (OEMs).
- Increase in expedited shipments to prevent customer shut down which will have a significant financial impact.
- Major changes being made to production schedule but this will not be sustainable.
- Lack of trucking companies willing to book freight knowing there are border issues so freight sits there until it can be moved, and if you can get a truck its double the normal rates.